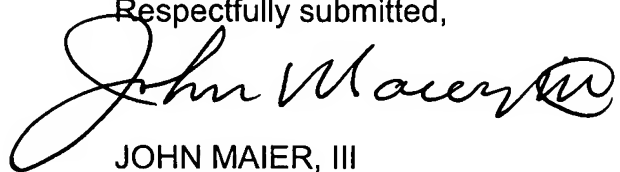


## REMARKS

The Examiner has previously requested an election of Inventions and the election was made and filed. The election was made in Application Serial Number 10/462,504 filed June 16, 2003 and entitled A Method and Apparatus for Drying Nails. The election selected claims 1 through 4, which are method claims, for examination in that original application. With this Preliminary Amendment the Original Application is being re-filed so as to place the remaining claims, all apparatus claims before the Patent Office for Examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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